

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 6-11 are pending in the present application. Original Claims 1-5 have been canceled, and new Claims 6-11 have been added. Original Claims 1-5 are based on Claims 1-5 of PCT Application No. PCT/EP03/11480, as originally filed. Support for new Claims 6-11 can be found throughout the specification and in the original claims. Particular support for new Claims 7-9 can be found in original Claims 2-4, respectively. Particular support for new Claim 6 can be found in original Claim 1 and on pages 4-8 of specification. Particular support for new Claims 10 and 11 can be found in original Claims 1 and 5 and on pages 4-8 of the specification. The claim language of new Claims 6-11 conforms to U.S. practice. No new matter is believed to have been introduced by the new claims.

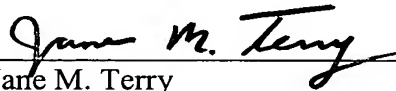
Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and request early notice of such action.

Respectfully submitted,

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